

«There has already been for you a sign» that is, a great lesson «in the two groups that met [in combat]» on the day of Badr «one was fighting in the cause of Allah» namely the Messenger (ﷺ) and his Companions «the other disbelieving [in Allah]» namely the disbelievers of Quraysh who came out of their homes in insolence and arrogance, aiming to show off and to bar people from the path of Allah. Allah brought the two groups together at Badr, and the polytheists were many times greater in number than the believers. Hence Allah says: «they saw them with their own eyes twice their number» that is, the believers saw that the disbelievers were much more numerous than them, double their number or more; this is confirmed by the words «with their own eyes». But Allah helped and supported the believers, so they defeated (the enemy), killed their leaders and captured many of them. That only came about because Allah supports those who support His cause and humiliates those who disbelieve in Him. In this there is a lesson for those who have insight and sound reasoning, that the group that prevails is in the right and the other group is in the wrong; otherwise if one only examines and compares the number and arms of the two sides as they appear to be, he will be certain that it is impossible for this small group to prevail over this large group. But in addition to these visible means, there are greater means that lie beyond them and cannot be comprehended except by people of insight, who believe in Allah, put their trust in Him and have the confidence that He will suffice. Those greater means are His help and support that He gives to His believing slaves against His disbelieving enemies.



﴿رُئِيَ لِلنَّاسِ حُبُّ الشَّهَوَاتِ مِنَ النِّسَاءِ وَالْبَنِينَ وَالْقَنَاطِيرِ الْمُقَنْطَرَةِ مِنَ الذَّهَبِ وَالْفِضَّةِ وَالْخَيْلِ الْمُسَوَّمَةِ وَالْأَنْعَامِ وَالْحَرْثِ ذَلِكَ مَتَاعُ الْحَيَاةِ